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ARGUE AT LENGTH

A House Committee Does Not Like the Opium Bill.

ON A HIGH MORAL PLANE

Criticizes Construction of Act.
Board of Health and Physi-
cians—Officials.

The act placing use of opium in the
Islands under control of the Board of
Health has passed the Senate. The
adverse report given below has been
presented in the House, but the act
has some strong advocates in the lower
branch and the fight will be a close
one. The committee says:

The claim of those who favor the
act is that it will put an end to smug-
gling of opium and that it will restrict
its use. This claim your committee
does not think can be good. Inquiry
shows that though it may make the
gains of the smuggler less, there will
still be inducement for him to smuggle.
As to the restriction of its use, your
committee sees that the act pro-
vides that opium shall only be sup-
plied to those who are now habituated
to its use, but what is to prevent those
who have never used it, thereby
swelling the number of its users,
who will in time, demand their sup-
ply of the legal purveyor of the in-
stitution created by law to pander to
the appetites of the victims of this
habit.

Under Section 1, your committee
would point out that there is no pro-
per definition of opium. For instance,
the form of opium used for smoking
is not the medicinal opium, nor can
opium as prepared for smoking be
used in medicine or for the manufac-
ture of medicinal preparations of opium.

Under Section 2, the Board of Health
is constituted a body for the importa-
tion of that which is forbidden to firms
and individuals; the importation of
an article which all agree is the most
harmful and degrading drug within
the reach of man. Boards of Health
are constituted to conserve the health
of people, they should not be the
agents that assist in hastening them
to a miserable grave.

Section 3 is one that will strike every
one who gives it thought as essentially
a vicious one. The Government
Physician, the District Magistrate and
the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff, of the
different judicial districts, are, by this
act, constituted an "Opium Board."
Would any one propose the appoint-
ment of Government officials to act
as a board to allow other vices in-
cident to weak humanity?

Can any one think that a self-
respecting educated physician, one whose
mission in life is to heal the sick, re-
store to health the afflicted, and lead
to a higher hygienic life, would so far
forget his duty and his calling as to
serve on a Board whose duty it is
to serve out the means of degradation
to fellow creatures? And what
would be the action of our Board of
Health supposing any Government
physician refused to serve on an
Opium Board? As the law reads there
must be a Government physician on
the Board, and should a conscientious
man refuse to serve there would be
nothing to do but cancel the commis-
sion and appoint a man who could put
his conscience in one pocket, while he
put dollars in the other.

Then consider another member of
the "Opium Board," the District Mag-
istrate. On the one hand, he is the
dispenser of justice, on the other he
furnishes a victim with the means of
crime. This is an anomaly which is
self-apparent and self-convicting. An
opium smoker might commit a crime
under the influence of the drug and
might have to be sentenced to pun-
ishment by the very member of the
Board who assisted in furnishing him
with the drug.

One of the many reasons that are
advanced for the licensing of opium,
is that unlicensed it corrupts the offi-
cials. While we have good material
both among District Magistrates and
Deputy Sheriffs, it does not seem as if
there is any better material than
there has been among our police and
customs officials and the means of cor-
ruption are as likely to be used to de-
feat the present law, as ever they
were to defeat prohibition of the drug.
The act provides that no minor
shall be enrolled on the list of habit-
ual users. This will not, cannot, from
the very circumstances of the case,
prevent minors from obtaining access
to the drug through the habitual users,
whether from curiosity, weakness or
as a bribe to greater crime and mis-
fortune.

Under Section 4, the Board of Health
will have to furnish the Opium to the
Opium Boards, in such quantities as
they, in their discretion, think suffi-
cient. By whom and by what stand-
ard is the "quantity sufficient" to be
determined? Who of the Board, un-
less he be a user of opium, can say
when the "quantity sufficient" has
been reached?

A member of the Opium Board is
required, by this act, to dole out to

each holder of a permit, fifty grains
of opium a day. That is, on each
and every day of the year, every hold-
er of a permit, weaker, more debased,
nearer to the end, by authority of
law, by act of Government, will trem-
blingly approach this Government dis-
penser and obtain his further allow-
ance in order that he may be still fur-
ther degraded.

It is not necessary to go into the
further details of this act. That those
who support it are entirely honest in
their views, is to be presumed. But
that it will work harm and be a source
of corruption appears on the very
face of it. Aside from all political
reasons, and these in the minds of
the committee are strong, for it must
be remembered that it was the at-
tempt to pass an opium license bill
and a lottery bill which finally over-
threw the monarchy, was in fact the
terrific cause of that cataclysm,
there is the consideration of the man's
duty to man, no mere sentiment, but
the duty of the stronger, the better
in evolution, to his weaker, his less
educated, the man further advanced
advanced brother, not further to de-
grade him, rather to assist him as far
as possible by removing from his path,
by putting out of his reach, all means,
all temptation which may further
cast him down.

Your committee therefore recom-
mend the bill be laid on the table.
(Signed)
A. V. GEAR,
A. T. ATKINSON,
D. H. KAHALUHELO.

ESCAPE FROM THE DEEP.

Three Men in a Boat Have Quite
an Adventure.

Mr. Campton and Lieut. Carlyle
went out yesterday for a trial trip in
a sloop for which Campton had been
negotiating. "Rheumatism Jack" was
the pilot. The party was near the
center buoy at the mouth of the chan-
nel when it was discovered that the
boat was making water in great rate.
Without delay the sloop was put about
for the harbor. All hands baled, but
the flood gained headway rapidly. It
was decided to make for the reef back
of the lighthouse. Campton and Car-
lyle prepared to swim. "Rheumatism
Jack" announced that he was helpless
in water and would not be able to
reach shore. The other two men said
they would tow him in somehow. Just
in the nick of time a native boatman
came along. At this stage Campton
and Carlyle were picking up the oars
and gear of the sinking sloop. The
native warned them that there were
sharks in the vicinity and the two
young men lost no time in joining
"Rheumatism Jack" in the boat of the
native. The sloop that was to be pur-
chased lies at the bottom of about
thirty feet of water. An attempt will
be made to raise her. Carlyle and
Campton are congratulating them-
selves on their escape and "Rheuma-
tism Jack" will give a grand luau next
Saturday in honor of the native boat-
man.

ELEVEN CASES.

Supreme Court Term to Open
With Light Calendar.

Supreme Court opens today for the
June term with the following calendar:
1. Water controversy of Wailuku
Sugar Co. vs. Solomon Hale.
2. Water controversy of Kohala
Sugar Co. vs. James Wright.
3. C. S. Bradford vs. M. H. Laffey
et al.
4. C. Notley and Sons vs. Kakaia
Plantation Co.
5. Kemilia Holt et al. vs. Kaauka.
6. C. W. Booth vs. G. C. Beckley
et al.
7. Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar
Co. vs. Wailuku Sugar Co.
8. Minister of Interior vs. Oahu
Railway & Land Co.
9. Administrator's motion for re-
hearing in re estate of C. Akana.
10. Wm. L. Peterson vs. M. A. Tit-
comb et al.
11. J. Kalaniana'ole et al. vs. W.
M. Giffard, treasurer Waimanalo Sugar
Co.

SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHPLACE.

The annual meeting of the trustees
of Shakespeare's birthplace was held
on the 5th of May at Stratford-on-
Avon. It was reported that visitors re-
presenting 48 nationalities had paid
for admission to the poet's house dur-
ing the year, and that over 10,000 per-
sons had visited Anne Hathaway's cot-
tage at Shottery. The cottage had
been very carefully restored, and all
the ancient characteristics had been
preserved. Some very valuable gifts
to the museum and library had been
made during the year, including a col-
lection of over 100 Shakespearean
books from the library of the late Mrs.
Cowden Clarke. The trustees had also
been presented with the original sale
book, interleaved with notes of Mr.
Robins, who sold Shakespeare's birth-
place at the Auction Mart in London
in September, 1847. Other gifts includ-
ed a number of portraits and rare vol-
umes.—London Times.

The band will play on the grounds
of Queen Emma Hall, corner Nuuanu
and Beretania streets, at 10:30 o'clock
this forenoon.

CAPT. DYER SPOKE

Baltimore and Company in the Manila Fight.

PAMPHLET FROM CRUISER

Men So Well Known Here in Thick
of the Fray—Note From
the Printer.

Harry F. Humphrey, the printer of
the U. S. S. Baltimore has a good
many friends in Honolulu. Another
man of the ship who made friends
ashore here is J. A. Wisner, of
Capt. Berryman's marines. These
two have published aboard the Balti-
more a pamphlet of fourteen pages giv-
ing some new matter on the famous
battle of Manila. The little book is a
very creditable production, with "Old
Glory" in correct colors on the first
page of the cover and this couplet on
the last page:

When the din of battle was o'er
Reverend were the boys of the Maine,
We had made the enemy lower
The flag of ancient Spain.

In enclosing the pamphlet to a
friend on the Advertiser, Mr. Hum-
phrey writes a characteristic note.
He says:

"This little pamphlet will tell you
all about the battle of Manila. The
town is at our mercy. We are only
waiting for troops to occupy it after
we take it. We are not having much
of a variety in the line of eating, but
all are well. The beer is all gone and
lots of the boys miss it. Please send
us a few Advertiser's occasionally. We
want Honolulu news very much."

Following are some interesting ex-
tracts from the work of Messrs. J. A.
Wisner and H. F. Humphrey:

The fleet left Mirs Bay at 2 p. m.
Wednesday, April 27th, after this ship
had been taken on board the U. S.
S. Consul to Manila as passenger. That
evening our suspense was brought to
a close by Captain Dyer assembling
all hands on the quarter-deck, reading
us a statement from the Governor-
General of the Philippine Islands to
a Hong Kong newspaper, in which he
stamped the United States as a "Na-
tion without a history, populated with
the scum and offal of Europe, and a
Nation capable of any dastardly deed,"
adding numerous other insults tending
to ignite a spark of hate for all that
was Spanish in the heart of even the
most conservative American, he he
said by right of birth or by adoption.
When Captain Dyer in closing said:
"Men we are now going to Manila un-
der orders from our Government to
capture and destroy the Spanish fleet
and we can do it," the ships company
fairly went wild with excitement, the
air was rent with loud cheers, and
when he added: "If I ever entertained
such a thing as a doubt about the
boys of the Baltimore at a time like
this, it had been entirely removed,
and I know now that we'll succeed,"
he was given three cheers with a will.
He then introduced Mr. Williams, U.
S. Consul to Manila, who in a few well
chosen words told us about the situa-
tion at that port and gave us a brief
outline of the work before us. He was
also loudly cheered. Every body turned
in that night with his mind per-
fectly at ease and if there was any-
body among us that was the least
bit afraid, he did not show it.

We were now at sea steaming slowly
in the following order: Olympia,
Baltimore, Raleigh, Petrel, Concord,
Boston, forming one column, and the
McCulloch, Nanshan, and Zafiro,
forming another to our starboard. The
time was taken up by getting every-
thing ready, sending spare gear below,
throwing woodwork such as mess
overboard, securing, and covering
boats, etc. On Saturday night we
were nearing the entrance to Manila
Bay, and a sharp lookout was kept.
We were going in under cover of dark-
ness and right below and in range of
their guns frowning down from forts
on both sides of the entrance. No
lights were shown except a stern-
light on each ship. All hands were at
quarters and all guns loaded, with ex-
tra charges ready at hand; every eye
was strained and every ear was on the
alert to catch the slightest sound. Now
and again lights could be seen flashing
from the surrounding hill-tops and an
occasional signal flared up at one mo-
ment to the next. At twenty minutes
past twelve there was a sudden flash
inshore and shaft our starboard quar-
ter, followed a second or two later by
a dull report and that peculiar aw-
estricken swishing sound of a flying
projectile—the first shot had been fired
and the game was on! Owing to the
darkness or to the poor marksmanship
of the Spaniards, that shot flew wide
of its mark, as did two more fired
in rapid succession from the forts and
answered by the Raleigh and Boston.
When day broke on that never to be
forgotten Sunday morning, May the
first, Manila harbor with its handful

of merchant vessels bore right ahead,
and off our starboard bow we could
make out the enemy's fleet dimly
looming up in the early dawn lying
outside of Point Cavite, their fortif-
ied Navy Yard and general strong-
hold. The Olympia was steaming
slowly at the head of the column, the
Baltimore a couple of ship-lengths
astern of her, and the balance of fleet
following. The McCulloch and the
 transports were left standing off in
bay. The most critical moment of our
lives was drawing near, and when at
5:00 the flagship made signal: "Pre-
pare for general action" when the
Stars and Stripes were broken, at
every masthead and every peak. When
Captain Dyer solemnly pointing up at
the waving folds of "Old Glory," said:
"There it goes, men; we have an empty
stomach this morning, but we have
a full heart; now let us see, what we
can do under this flag," when every
man silently took his station, there
was nothing but grim determination
to "do or die" to be seen written on
every face. The Spanish were again
on the aggressive for at 5:15 they fired
a shot from one of their forts, follow-
ing it up by a regular fusillade from
their vessels and shore batteries. The
most of their shots fell short and a



CAPT. N. M. DYER,
U. S. S. Baltimore.

few carried over us, dropping into the
bay all around the ships, too far off
to do any damage, but yet too close
for comfort. We seemed in no hurry
to return the fire, and fully 25 minutes
were spent in maneuvering for po-
sition, the range being diminished steady-
ly as slowly by our fleet steaming
closer and closer right in the teeth
of the enemy's fire. Those minutes seem-
ed hours, and some our men were ac-
tually begging permission to shoot.
At last the first shot was fired by our
ships at about 6:00 yards range, and
the battle was on in earnest. A small
torpedo boat was seen to emerge from
the shore making for our transports
at a high rate of speed. The second-
ary batteries of our ships were made
to bear on her, shells fell around her
in a veritable shower, and finally
turning she was rung high and dry
on the beach and abandoned. Our
fleet was now steaming back and forth
off Cavite Bay, making three "legs"
to eastward and two to westward,
forming a large figure "8" and deliver-
ing broadside after broadside with
splendid results. All this time the
enemy's vessels Reina Christina (flag-
ship), Castilla, moored head and stern
with port battery in use, Don Antonio
de Ulloa, Isla de Cuba, Isla de Luzon,
the large transport Mianao and a
number of smaller gunboats, were
keeping a steady fire, the smaller ships
retreating inside of mole several times
during action. The forts were not idle
but kept thundering forth their tribute
with no noticeable effect. The enemy's
fire seemed to be concentrated on the
Baltimore, and she was hit six times.
A 4.1 inch armor piercing shell pene-
trated our side on main deck line, tore
up the wooden deck and, striking the
steel deck under this glanced upwards,
went through after engine-room hatch
and emerging struck the cylinder of
port 6-inch gun on quarter-deck tem-
porarily rendering the gun unfit for
use. In its mad flight it also struck
a box of 3-pounder ammunition, ex-
ploding one shell which in turn slight-
ly wounded a few of No. 4 gun crew.
The other hits were as follows: One
shell pierced our starboard side for-
ward of No. 2 sponson and lodged in
a clothes-locker on the berth deck;
another one struck us on our port
beam a little above the water-line, and
a few feet forward of and above this
another shell came crashing across
the berth deck striking a steam pipe
and exploding behind starboard blow-
er-engine with no serious results. A
fragment of a shell went through one
of our ventilators and the Colors at
our main were shot through during the
first part of action. The concussion
from our 6-inch gun on poop shatter-
ed our two whale-boats and they had
to be cut adrift. The engagement
lasted from 6:43 until 7:35 a. m., when
the flagship signalled: "withdraw
from action." We then stood out in
the bay, the men left their stations
and "mess-gear" was stowed. There
was hand-shakings and congratula-
tions on every hand as smoke-begim-
med friends, parted during the battle,
met again, and loud were the cheers
that went up from the various ships in
passing.

The pamphlet tells of more fighting
and of the surrender.

For the Championship.

Willie Roth, the victor in the tour-
ament just finished, was challenged by
the champion of 1897, Will Godfrey.
The match has been set for Wednes-
day at 4 o'clock on the Pacific courts.

AT THE PARTING

Highest Commendation Given Rev. D. P. Birnie.

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Representation—Proceedings in
Detail—Resignation and
Acceptance.

Ecclesiastical Council held in Cen-
tral Union Church, June 8, 1898.

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Resolved: That while endorsing the
action of the church and Pastor, we
desire to say for ourselves that it is
with sincere regret that we part with
one whom we have learned to esteem
very highly. Rev. D. P. Birnie's pas-
torate in Honolulu, though brief, has
been fruitful. Through the leadership
by the blessing of God, large additions
have been made to the Church roll,
while as pastor and preacher he has
endeared himself to the hearts of this
people. He as proved himself well
adapted to work for the young, espe-
cially young men. In organizing and
carrying out plans for the moral and
intellectual improvement of the youth
of this city, we believe he has had no
superior. We feel assured that this
historic field of religious effort has
been greatly blessed by his ministry,
and that the best wishes and earnest
prayers of God's people will follow
him into other parts of the Master's
vineyard, where he may be called to
labor. We affectionately commend him
to the churches, as a man of lofty
Christian character, a wise pastor, and
an effective preacher of the vital truths
of the Gospel. We congratulate the
members of this church on the service
which has been rendered them, and
pray that upon them the divine bless-
ing may still rest; that the Great
Head of the Church may send them
another leader of like wisdom and
devotion."

The Scribe was ordered to send a
copy of the proceedings to the Rev. D.
P. Birnie, and to the clerk of the church
and the Council dissolved.

OLIVER P. EMERSON,
Moderator.
CHAS. W. HILL,
Scribe.

St. Andrew's Fair.

The fair in the Sunday School rooms
of St. Andrew's Cathedral Saturday and
evening proved a very great success
and the handsome sum of \$475.00 was
cleared. The band, stationed in front
of the cathedral, furnished music and
attracted large crowds to the fair. The
Sunday School rooms were prettily
decorated and the various booths pre-
sented a gala appearance. Doubtless
more would have been present in the
evening but for counter attractions.

The Waiialeale is expected in to-
day.